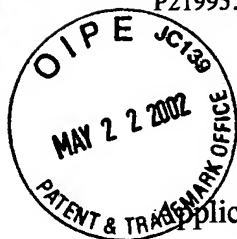


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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-231804 (VICTORY KK), published on November 18, 1985, and the Derwent Abstract therefor, obtained from DATABASE WPI, namely, Section Ch, Week 198601, Derwent Publications Ltd., London, Great Britain, Class A35, AN 1986-004402, XP-002183897, are cited as being documents that are pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 11, and 14 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The abstract is cited as being pertinent.

French Patent Publication No. 2 625 078 (PAWELEC S.A.), published on June 30, 1989, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Page 2, line 21, to page 4, line 15; claims 7-10; and Figs. 1-4 of FR '078 are cited as being pertinent.

German Patent Publication No. 23 39 924 (HARR), published on February 20, 1975, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Page 2, paragraph 7, to page 3, last paragraph; claims 1 and 2; and Figs. 1-3 of DE '924 are cited as being pertinent.

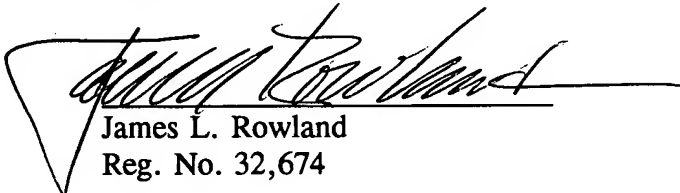
British Patent Publication No. 974,426 (MINISTER OF AVIATION), published on November 4, 1964, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention, but without regard to any particular claims of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. No particular portion of GB '426 is cited as being pertinent.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98 and MPEP 609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is enclosed herewith. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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